

Acceptable forms of Identification in Kansas

All forms of ID must meet the following criteria:

1. The ID must belong in one of the categories below as indicated in the Help America Vote Act.
2. The ID must contain the voter's name and photo or the voter's name and current residential address.
3. If an ID contains an address, it must match the residential address on the voter's registration record.

Categories and Examples

Bank statement – checking, savings or interest statement

Utility bill – gas, electric, water, telephone or cable television bill

Paycheck – paycheck stub, notice of electronic deposit or W2 form

Government check – Medicare or Medicaid check, SRS check, WIC check, or other public assistance check

Other government document – U.S. Military ID card, college or high school student ID card, nursing home roster on a government form (filing with KDHE, Dept. on Aging, etc.), Medicare or Medicaid card, federal/state/county/local government ID card, pilot's license, hunting or fishing license, gun permit, ham radio operator's license issued by FCC, naturalization document, vehicle registration, copy of DMV change of address form, statement from Post Office that an individual lives in and receives mail at a specific location, Safe at Home application



For more information regarding the
Safe at Home Program, contact:

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**Participant
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Safe at Home Participant Voting Guide

Safe at Home (SaH) allows participants to exercise their constitutional right to vote without disclosing their physical location.

Voting as a Safe at Home Participant

Are you eligible to vote?

The qualifications to vote are: (1) be 18 years of age or older; (2) be a U.S. citizen; and (3) be a resident of Kansas. There is no length of residency requirement in Kansas, but a person must be registered 15 days prior to the election and must be a resident at the time of registration.

If you are 17 years old, but will be 18 before the next election, you may register to vote. This does not allow you to vote in the primary or at any other election before turning 18.

To be a Safe at Home voter, you must meet all of the requirements above and be accepted into the SaH program.

How do you register to vote as a Safe at Home participant?

When completing the SaH application, you may complete the voter registration card and submit all documents to the SaH program coordinator at the same time. If you are certified in SaH and eligible to vote, your voter registration will be accepted into the SaH voter file.

If you choose not to register at the same time as applying to SaH, you can still register to vote at any time while you are a participant of SaH. However, the voter registration card **MUST** be submitted directly to the SaH program, not to a local election officer or the Secretary of State's office. Voter registration forms can be obtained online at www.kssos.org/safeathome or through the program coordinator or an enrolling assistant.

To complete the form: Read and carefully answer all required questions. Once the voter registration form has been completed and signed, mail it to the SaH program coordinator at P.O. Box 798, Topeka, KS 66601-0798.

The deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days prior to that election. (Example: To vote on November 7, you must be registered by October 23.)

Is your registration up-to-date?

When moving to a different location, you must notify SaH of your address change at least seven days prior to the move. At that time, you will also need to submit a new voter registration card with your new address to the program coordinator to ensure that you remain qualified to vote.

Identification? State law requires that all first-time voters show identification at some point in the registration process.

When completing the voter registration form, you are asked for either a driver's license number, nondriver's identification number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. The SaH program coordinator will use this number to verify your identity through the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles. If SaH is unable to obtain a valid match, you will be asked to supply one of the acceptable forms of identification in Kansas (see the list on the back of this brochure) to meet the requirement of the law.

As a first-time SaH voter, all participants will be required to provide an acceptable form of identification.

How do you vote?

As a Safe at Home participant, you will always vote an advance ballot by mail. The program coordinator will request a ballot from the appropriate county election officer for you in every election in which you are eligible to vote. The ballot will be mailed to the program coordinator and then forwarded to you.

Once you receive the ballot, review all enclosed instructions and in a timely manner make your selections in each race. You may also write in the name of an individual if a blank line is provided and if the individual's name is not printed anywhere on the ballot.

When you finish, check your ballot to ensure that you have voted in all the races and questions in which you intend to vote. Also, make sure that you didn't vote for more selections than allowed in each race or question.

Insert the completed ballot into the security envelope, seal it and sign on the appropriate line. Make sure to follow all instructions included with the ballot and printed on the envelopes!

Return the completed ballot to the program coordinator in the provided envelope. The program coordinator will then check to ensure you have completed the signature requirement on the outside envelope, but at no time will look at your voted ballot. Your ballot will then be forwarded to the appropriate county election officer without any identifying features that would disclose your location.

When do you vote?

Primary elections are held on the first Tuesday in August of even-numbered years for the nomination of Democratic and Republican candidates. Minor party candidates are nominated at state party conventions, and independent candidates file by petition. The general election is held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

Local elections are usually held in the spring and vary by location.

How to make certain your vote counts?

If you have any questions about the validity of your ballot, or any other concerns about voting, please contact the Safe at Home program coordinator.

